(*b*) Ten.

(*c*) and (*d*) They keep the college buildings and compound clean and do menial work in the laboratories. They also do the duties of night watchmen.

Reparation to People who suffered loss on account of Drift Timber in the Pampa River.

96. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to make any reparation to private owners who were damnified by the impact of trees during the floods at the end of last year ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Castewar Return of Appointments and Roman Catholics.

97. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI (*Todupuzha* cum *Kunnatnad*) : (*a*) Has a circular been recently addressed to Heads of Departments requiring them to submit to Government a quarterly castewar list of the appointments made by them ?

(*b*) What are the different classes mentioned in the circular according to which the castewar list should be prepared ?

(*c*) Is it a fact that, according to that circular, the Roman Catholic community is not to be considered as a separate body, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to issue orders providing a separate column for the Roman Catholic community in all their castewar lists ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Brahmins, Nayars, Ezhavas, other Caste Hindus, Christians, Mahomedans and other classes.

(*c*) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. The question of treating the Catholic community as a separate class is under examination.

Opening of a Magistrate's Court at Parur.

98. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable hardship is being felt by the people of the Parur taluk owing to the absence of a Magistrate at Parur ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Refusal of Contribution to Madanapalle Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

99. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the authorities of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle applied for pecuniary help from the State ?

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[Mr. A. Govinda Menon.]

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Government declined to grant the help asked for and that, in consequence, Travancoreans are allowed admission only to the paying private wards of the sanatorium?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of granting pecuniary help to the institution is under the consideration of the Government.

Employment of Women in Departmental Vernacular Schools for Boys.

100. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that an application for a teacher's place in the departmental vernacular school for boys at Cheriazhikkal in the Karunagapalli taluk, put in by a qualified Araya woman of the place, was refused by the authorities on the ground that women cannot be entertained in such schools?

(*b*) Is it not a fact that women also are employed as teachers in grant-in-aid vernacular schools for boys?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to extend the same policy to departmental vernacular schools for boys?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in a very few instances, most of them being those of husband and wife employed in the same institution.

(*c*) The question will have to be carefully examined before a decision is reached.

Punishment of Mr T. K. Krishnan Tampi, Excise Inspector.

101. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recommended the reduction of second grade Excise Inspector Mr. T. K. Krishnan Tampi as the head clerk of a Division Office? If the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state the charges reported against the Inspector by the Excise Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has sent a report about the Excise Inspector. It is under the consideration of the Government. They are unable to make any further statement in the matter at this stage.

Officers benefited by Circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923.

102. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): (*a*) With reference to circular Fl. No. 306, dated the 21st February 1923, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of officers of the several departments—

(1) who had at the time passed the age of fifty, who had been receiving the maximum pay of their old grade for two years and more, and who did not get any immediate increment at the time of the last general reorganisation of the several departments;

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